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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

3–6 p.m.	Informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	51st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolutions (A/63/L.22, A/63/L.25 and A/63/L.27) [107]

   Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolutions (A/63/L.28 and A/63/L.29[1]) [44]

   Strengthening of the United Nations system [112]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/125)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/140 and A/63/140/Add.1)

   Joint debate

12.30 p.m. (continued)

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

[1] To be issued.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by Her Excellency Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held on *Monday, 17 November 2008*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held as follows, in Conference Room 6:

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Tuesday, 18 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.;
Wednesday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.;
Thursday, 20 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and
Friday, 21 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 17.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security: Strengthening collective security through general regulation and reduction of armaments". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add.1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/63/32, A/63/119, A/63/119/Corr.1, A/63/119/Add.1, A/63/509 and A/63/94))

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability framework and results-based management (A/62/701, A/62/701/Corr.1, A/62/701/Add.1, A/61/805, A/62/704, A/63/268 and A/63/457))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Administrative matters
2. Revised estimates related to the Rule of Law Unit
3. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008
4. Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration
5. Executive session

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Monday, 17 November 2008

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

9.30–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-770

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty" (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Suriname)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Third Committee

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . In the back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . In the back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Monday, 17 November 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the omnibus draft resolution on Law of the Sea)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Monday, 17 November 2008

Briefing on "United States policy responses to the financial crisis and the outcomes of the 15 November Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy" (organized by the United States Mission and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From *1.15* to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All Permanent Representatives or their delegates are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Kalajian, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4450; e-mail kalajianl@state.gov).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 17 November 2008

Room S-226

10 a.m.	Ms. Charlize Theron, Academy Award-winning actress and activist (to be formally introduced as a United Nations Messenger of Peace)
11 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Irakli Alasania, Permanent Representative of Georgia (on the situation in Georgia)
12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
1 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of Bolivia; and H.E. Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, President of the General Assembly (following the address by the Bolivian President to the General Assembly)

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 18 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 52nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: report of the Second Committee (A/63/413)[1] . . . . . [48]
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union: draft resolution (A/63/L.26) . . . . . [114 (l)]
3. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/63/300) . . . . . [102]
4. Report of the Security Council (A/63/2) . . . . . [9]

   Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters . . . . . [111]

   Joint debate

[1]To be issued.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 18 November, in Conference Room 7; and from Wednesday, 19, to Friday, 21 November 2008, in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: A briefing on the "Assessment of assessments"– the preparatory stage towards the establishment of a regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, with presentations by two members of the Group of Experts, will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its next formal meeting on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on "Advanced (surveillance) technology project" on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, at expert level, are kindly requested to contact by *Friday, 5 December*, the secretariat of the Permanent Forum (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). The documents for the meeting are available at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference" (under agenda item 114 (r)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2;

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 2 to 3 p.m. in conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Seventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on financing development in the least developed countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Borchers, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4284; or e-mail borchers@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Progress in implementing One United Nations reform: Political challenges, parliamentary perspectives" (organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08/191108.pdf>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villalobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina

Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Violence against women: 16 days to make a difference"

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsköld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Fifth meeting of the "Friends of Human Security" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carly Cohen, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1571; e-mail carly-cohen@un-japan.org).]

Briefing for Member States by the Executive Director of the Global Forum on Migration and Development

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All Member States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Briefing by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Allison Torbet, UNODC New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; e-mail torbet@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by

clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 13 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

49th plenary meeting

Culture of peace . . . . . [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24/Rev.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 45.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, San Marino, Azerbaijan, Mauritania, Malaysia and Ethiopia.

H.E. Mr. Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/63/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Viet Nam, Chile, Italy, Albania, Belgium, Nigeria and Rwanda.

50th plenary meeting

Culture of peace . . . . . [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24/Rev.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 45.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador, Belarus, Costa Rica, Croatia, Sri Lanka, Bolivia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Nepal, Argentina, Cameroon, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire and the Comoros.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.24/Rev.1 (resolution 63/22).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Friday, 14 November 2008

Security Council

6016th meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1830 (2008) (S/2008/688)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Staffan de Mistura, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. de Mistura.

The Council heard a briefing by the representative of the United States, on behalf of the multinational force.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Iraq.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Belgium, Indonesia, Croatia, Viet Nam, Burkina Faso, China, Panama and South Africa, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

Mr. de Mistura responded to comments and questions made.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

18th meeting

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Yemen, the Republic of Korea, India, the United States, Singapore, Myanmar, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Belarus, Japan, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Viet Nam and the Russian Federation.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management made a concluding statement.

The Acting Chief of Staff of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Friday, 14 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 3, under the chairmanship of Ms. Edwina Stevens (Australia).

Sixth Committee

26th meeting

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country . . . . . [150]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 150.

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee (A/63/26) and draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.18.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway; members of the European Economic Area; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with the declaration), Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group), India, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 150.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.18, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 150.

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 129.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of draft decision A/C.6/63/L.9, as orally revised by the Chairman.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/63/L.9, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 129.

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . [73]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 73.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.10, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 73.

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [72]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 72.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.14, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 72.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session . . . . . [74]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 74.

It was announced that Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Fiji, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Malta, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Korea had joined as sponsor of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.4.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.6.

The Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.6/62/L.4, A/C.6/62/L.5 and A/C.6/62/L.6, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 74.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [77]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 77.

It was announced that Albania, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Gabon, Israel, Latvia, Madagascar and Montenegro had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.12.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.12, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 77.

Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly . . . . . [156]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 156.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.13, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 156.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session . [75]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

The delegation of New Zealand, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session", contained in document A/C.6/63/L.20, and orally revised it.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.20, as orally revised without a vote.

The delegation of New Zealand, on behalf of the Bureau, introduced the draft resolution entitled "The Law of transboundary aquifers", contained in document A/C.6/63/L.21.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.21, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 75.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [76]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 76.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.15*.

It was announced that Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Fiji, Kenya, Mongolia, Montenegro, New Zealand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda and Zambia had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.15*.

The representative of Egypt spoke in explanation of position before taking action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.15*.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.15*, without a vote.

The representative of Israel spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 76.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [78]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.19.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.19.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.19, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 78.

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [79]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 79.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.17.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.17.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.17, without a vote.

The Chairman made a statement on understandings accompanying the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 79.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 99.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.11, on behalf of the Bureau.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.11.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.11, without a vote.

The representatives of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba spoke in explanation of position before taking action on the draft resolution; and the representative of Tunisia spoke in explanation of position after taking action on the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99.

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

The Committee was briefed by the Chairman and the Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 119, without taking any action.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

The Committee adopted without a vote draft decision A/C.6/63/L.16, containing the provisional programme of work for the Sixth Committee during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of New Zealand and Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

The Chairman made an announcement.

The Sixth Committee thus concluded the consideration of its substantive items for the sixty-third session.

Corrigendum

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 39th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/221, p. 27): The second paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.37" *should read as follows:*

The representative of Mexico made a statement and announced that Algeria, Angola, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Latvia Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Montenegro, Morocco, Nigeria, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Accession: Estonia (7 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

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Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

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Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

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Sixty-third session

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held as follows, in Conference Room 6:

Today, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Wednesday, 19 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;
Thursday, 20 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and
Friday, 21 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway).

The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 19.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security: Strengthening collective security through general regulation and reduction of armaments". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 3

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4

[*Note*: A briefing on the "Assessment of assessments" – the preparatory stage towards the establishment of a regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, with presentations by two members of the Group of Experts, will be held *today*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Main Committees

Second Committee

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   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.27

4. Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction . . . . . [49 (c)]

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7. Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development . . . [51 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31

8. Globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption . . . . . [51 (d)]

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Third Committee

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5. Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

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6. Advancement of women . . . . . [56 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.13/Rev.1

7. Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [58]

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8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [62 (a)]

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10. Implementation of human rights instruments . . . . . [64 (a)]

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11. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.19/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto contained in documents A/C.3/63/L.62, A/C.3/63/L.63, A/C.3/63/L.64, A/C.3/63/L.65, A/C.3/63/L.66, A/C.3/63/L.67 and A/C.3/63/L.68), A/63/63/L.23, A/C.3/63/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.3/63/L.36 and A/C.3/63/L.43

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Fifth Committee

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Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Strengthening of the Department of Political Affairs (A/62/521, A/62/521/Corr.1, A/62/7/Add.32, A/C.5/62/24, A/C.5/62/25 and A/61/357))

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on "Advanced (surveillance) technology project" *today*, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Tuesday, 18 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

11.30 a.m.–2.30 p.m. . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 18 November 2008

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the omnibus draft resolution on Law of the Sea)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the world financial and economic crisis and its consequences (A/63/L.22*))

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Tuesday, 18 November 2008

Panel discussion on financing development in the least developed countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Borchers, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4284; or e-mail borchers@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 18 November 2008

Room S-226

12 noon — Mr. Alan Doss, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (on the situation in that country (via video link from Kinshasa))

Afternoon[1] — Press briefing by the Spokesperson

[1]To be held following the press conference on the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Wednesday, 19, to Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "The integrated mission planning process" on Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a special meeting in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (314th meeting), on Monday, 24 November 2008, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

Invitations to address the special meeting have been extended to the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council, a representative of Palestine, the Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territory, several intergovernmental organizations, and a representative of civil society.

All Member States and observers, as well as United Nations agencies and bodies, are invited to attend the special meeting. Messages of solidarity should be sent to the Division for Palestinian Rights (room S-3350), which will be published in a special bulletin of the Division.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold the second informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system on Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.25, entitled "Legal empowerment of the poor and eradication of poverty" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Guatemala and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference" (under agenda item 114 (r)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia" (under agenda item 65 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Liberia)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7;

Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber;

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 9 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1;

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

African Group (Second Committee experts)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Seventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

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Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Progress in implementing One United Nations reform: Political challenges, parliamentary perspectives" (organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08/191108.pdf>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villalobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

DPI/NGO briefing on "Violence against women: 16 days to make a difference"

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsköld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Fifth meeting of the "Friends of Human Security" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carly Cohen, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1571; e-mail carly-cohen@un-japan.org).]

Briefing for Member States by the Executive Director of the Global Forum on Migration and Development

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All Member States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Interactive panel on "Ending impunity and maintaining humanitarian access: Dilemmas in law and practice?" (webcast from Harvard University, in coordination with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics and the Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room S-2127A (also available in other Headquarters conference rooms).

[All are invited to individually register for the interactive webcast panel at <https://harvardsph.webex.com>. For further information or to register to attend in a conference room, please contact Ms. Hyun Jin Chung, Office of the Chief Information Technology Officer (tel. 1 (212) 963-4144; e-mail chunghj@un.org).]

Briefing by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Allison Torbet, UNODC New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; e-mail torbet@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Monday, 24 November 2008:

Screening of the film entitled "La terre parle arabe", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "The Palestinians: 60 years of struggle and enduring hope", at 6 p.m., in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building (North-East corner).

[All are invited to attend.]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information for the event, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 17 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

51st plenary meeting

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related field: draft resolutions (A/63/L.28 and A/63/L.29) . . . . . [44]

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolutions (A/63/L.22, A/63/L.25 and A/63/L.27) . . . . . [107]

Strengthening of the United Nations system . . . . . [112]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/125)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/140 and A/63/140/Add.1)

Joint debate

The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.22.

The representative of Switzerland made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.25 and also orally revised draft resolution A/63/L.27.

The representative of South Africa made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.28.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.29.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, Cuba, France, Argentina and Algeria.

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolutions A/63/L.22, A/63/L.25, A/63/L.28 and A/63/L.29 would be taken at later date to be announced.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.27, as orally revised (resolution 63/23).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Egypt.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 44, 107 and 112.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that a revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly for the period from 18 November to December 2008 had been issued as document A/INF/63/4/Rev.2.

The Assembly was also informed that, at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolution A/63/L.23 was postponed to later date to be announced.

52nd plenary meeting *Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia*

H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia, addressed the General Assembly.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Declaration under article 3 (4): Chile (13 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 17 November 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/524	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Standards of accommodation for air travel — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.24/Rev.1/Add.1

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